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TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES AID INDUSTRY

MECHANIZATION INCREASES MINE OUTPUT -- Slowo Polskie, No 57, 26 Feb 50

A conference of leading shock-workers was held recently at the Prezydent Mine in Chorzow to discuss mechanization of loading and transport operations in coal mines, one of the basic problems of the coal industry in the Six-Year Plan.

The Prezydent Mine is outstanding for its speedy conversion to mechanization. Mechanically mined coal constitutes 22 percent of the mine's total production.

The cutting machine, and the loading machine known as the Duck's Bill, both manufactured in the USSR were explained by the workers. It was reported that coal output in the gallery increased fivefold after the machines were installed.

One cutting machine can be used at two faces simultaneously, greatly increasing the output and decreasing manual labor.

MAPS MECHANIZATION PROGRAM -- Zycie Olsztynskie, No 70, 11 Mar 50

The PKPG (State Economic Planning Commission) Committee for Technical Advancement recently passed several important resolutions.

Cranes and mechanical loading devices will be installed in transport to reduce time-consuming manual labor and to reduce the manufacture of closed freight cars, thus releasing necessary lumber for the manufacture of packing cases, etc.

Forestry operations will be mechanized to speed delivery of lumber to lumber mills, plywood factories, and mining and building enterprises. Light electric saws of Soviet manufacture driven by gas generators and using wood scraps for fuel will be installed, and tractors will be used to tear down and haul the lumber.

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Guiding principles for the organization of the pre-fabricated materials industry for urban and rural construction will be worked out by mid-1950.

IMPROVE METAL CUTTING -- Wolna Trybuna, No 8, 22 - 28 Feb 50

Workers of the Stalin Metalworking Plants have responded widely to the appeal for increased labor competition in cutting metals with hard alloys. The response was particularly good in the machine tool and automatic machine plants. Wages increased by 50 percent.

Production of bicycle wheel hubs in the automatic machines plant has increased 50 percent, and the plant's total output has risen 30 percent.

Stefan Leszczyk, a worker in the FX metal shop, has invented a new process for cutting trapezoidal threads which is a great improvement over the previous method. Instead of adjusting the cutting tool four times in succession, he invented a setting which holds two blades instead of one and reduces the cutting time by half.

Another example of technical progress is the improved method of cutting threads on retaining caps for thrust bearings.

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